

6.0 HAZARD PRIORITIZATION, MITIGATION GOALS

Hazard prioritization and mitigation goals are in accordance with the stated objectives and priorities, specifically: Protection of Life, Property and Values at Risk. The prioritization and goals were developed by both the Wildfire and VFD/Structure branch. An extensive list of mitigation goals has been developed by the VFD/Structure branch. These priorities and goals are addressed separately from the Wildfire Branch. It is important to use two sets of hazard priorities and mitigation goals to reflect the inherently different requirements, needs and hazards examined and identified by the VFD/Structure and Wildfire Branches. Wildfire does not recognize ownership, property boundaries, or management policies. WUI watersheds at risk were provided by the Wildfire Branch and reviewed by the VFD/Structure Branch. Non-WUI watersheds at risk are identified in appendix A Map 5, Fire Regimes. These are watersheds in Boise County that are in condition Class II or III depicted by color on the map, most notably the Deadwood River Drainage. Watershed risk includes and addresses hazards associated with vegetation type, health, condition, deviation from historic wildfire, and possible soil erosion/watershed contamination.

The Boise County Wildfire Group has provided the following prioritization **recommendations** and mitigation goals for the County Administrators.

6.1 VFD/Structure Branch

Hazard Prioritization addressed by the VFD/Structure Branch was developed according to the Plan Priorities, with protection of life and property as the top priority. Mitigation actions to address these priorities are:

1. **Hazard: County Emergency Services Communication Center Computer Support.** The server that supports dispatching of county wide emergency services is operating at maximum capacity. The software currently used for dispatching in the county is not supported (outdated). This potential hazard for dispatching emergency services for wildfires or other emergencies directly affects the priorities stated in the Boise County Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan.
Mitigation Goal: Upgrade County Dispatch Server and update software.
2. **Hazard: Limited radio frequencies and repeaters for Fire Departments in Boise County.** Communications is vital to fire fighter and public safety on all wildfires.
Mitigation Goal: Provide additional VHF-FM frequency and repeater for Boise County dispatchers and Fire departments.
3. **Hazard: Mobilization/Communications Plan does not include State or Federal Cooperators.** An interagency County/State/Federal mobilization/communications plan is needed for multiple or extended incidents for public and fire fighter safety.
Mitigation Goal: Develop County Fire-Emergency Mobilization Plan, and County/Interagency Communications Plan with Landowners and Cooperators in Boise County.

4. **Hazard: County VFD fire fighters are unable to meet standards or requirements pertaining to: Training, PPE, Communications, Equipment, Apparatus and Facilities.**
Mitigation Goal: Provide Boise County VFDs with current and future required training, communications, PPE, Apparatus, Facility improvements and equipment as identified in the State of Idaho Survey of Volunteer Fire Departments.
5. **Hazard: Numerous county roads, communication sites, developments and communities require hazardous fuels reduction.**
Mitigation Goal: Reduce identified hazardous fuels buildup in high-risk areas on a county-wide scale.
6. **Hazard: Fire Departments and Law Enforcement missions are conducted in areas with limited or no County radio communication.**
Mitigation Goal: Secure “Emergency Use Only” agreement with cooperator/other agency communications repeater system.
7. **Hazard: Lack of defensible space in developments and at private homes.**
Mitigation Goal: Create and implement defensible space standards by homeowners and developments.
8. **Hazard: Developments/subdivisions/homeowners are without emergency wildfire plans or other emergency plans in place.**
Mitigation Goal: Develop subdivision/homeowners wildfire and other emergency operations plan(s).
9. **Hazard: Wildfire risk continues for future developments/subdivisions in Boise County Wildland/Urban Interface areas.**
Mitigation Goal: Utilize Boise County Fire Protection Guidelines for Residential Development In the Wildland/Urban Interface for subdivisions as identified in County Planning and Zone Requirements.
10. **Hazard: Additional Firewise Education, information and activities needed.**
Mitigation Goal: Gain community or development participation in firewise education, information distribution and activities.
11. **Hazard: No current Wildfire County Wildfire Council has been appointed.**
Mitigation Goal: Solicit wildfire liaison or experts to participate in County “All Hazards Group and Local Emergency Planning Council”.

6.2 Recommended Wildfire Branch Hazard Priorities and Mitigation Goals

1. **Hazard: Many areas within the County require immediate fuels treatment in 2003.**
Mitigation Goal: Apply required fuels treatment – hand, mechanical, prescribed fire or combination of treatments to meet fuels reduction, resources and forestry practices objectives.

2. **Hazard:** Wildland Urban Interface Watershed areas are at risk from wildfire due to vegetation condition, vegetative fuel build up, soil stability, watershed contamination or in condition classes that are susceptible to larger, more intense and severe wildfires (these watersheds include or are adjacent to developments, subdivisions or communities).

Mitigation Goal: Provide wildfire protection to these watersheds as displayed in Protection Districts ,Appendix A, Map 3. Plan and execute fuel reductions actions and forestry practices for WUI watershed risk reduction.

3. **Hazard:** Areas within watersheds in Boise County are at risk from wildfire due to vegetative condition, vegetative fuels build up, soil stability, watershed contamination, or are in condition class conducive to larger, more intense and severe wildfires.

Mitigation Goal: Provide wildfire protection to these watersheds as displayed in Protection Districts, Appendix A, Map 3. Plan fuels reduction actions and forestry practices for risk reduction to watersheds within Boise County.